



Police and demonstrators reached a peaceful compromise yesterday morning at the doors to the JFK Building in Government Center.

Photo by Sheldon Lowenthal

## Stalemate at Gov't Center

By Joe Kashi and  
Peter Peckarsky

Access to the JFK Federal Building in Government Center was severely restricted Thursday as about 1300 anti-war demonstrators sat-in non-violently around the only open entrance to the building and on Cambridge Street.

Violence was minimal as leaders had previously obtained permission for the early morning march from the Boston Common to the JFK Building. Despite several minor probes by police into the crowd on Cambridge Street to open a lane for employees to enter the building

from across the street, there were no sustained police charges or rushes by the crowd. Police opened the corridor by picking up the obstructing people and forcibly dragging them to the opposite side of the street. While no trespassing arrests were made, several people were roughly thrown into the crowd and received minor injuries. Arrests for assault were made, however, when some people tried to punch police dragging them across the street. Tension was relatively low throughout the day.

John Fisk, a Boston City lawyer directing the attempt to maintain normal operations at the JFK Building said that the demonstrators could remain until the building closed at 6 pm because they were not blocking the entrance completely. Also, he said, they were not guilty of obstructing Cambridge Street, as the police had closed the street prior to the demonstration. Fisk stated that "Our purpose here is to keep the building functioning, and we have done that."

### Cleared aisles

Federal employees were able to enter the building only by climbing through the ranks of densely packed demonstrators. Police cleared aisles for them several times, finally pushing the crowd completely across Cambridge Street.

Striking federal employees became minor heroes to the crowd when they attempted to enter the police cordon wearing protest signs and showing their ID cards. After a supervisor cajoled them to drop the signs and report to work, the employees were refused entry by a federal marshal unless they dropped all protest signs outside. The marshal said that the signs would "obstruct the revolving door and be a safety hazard." At the same time, however, most employees were entering through a regular door which presented no danger of enmeshing the signs. The protesting federal workers eventually emerged to picket outside the police line.

### Dogs

Boston Police had a large contingent of attack-trained police dogs on hand. After a demonstrator threw some cherry bombs in the vicinity of the dogs, they became almost uncontrollable, lunging at their leashes and trying to attack newsmen standing nearby. One patrolman had to tackle his dog to prevent it from jumping at a TV cameraman.

At 5 pm, as employees were leaving the building, police arrested about 100 demonstrators who had refused to leave. The majority of the demonstrators left and regrouped on Boston Common.

## PE requirement to continue

By Bruce Peetz  
and Randy Young

A strong presentation from the Physical Education Department has left the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) with an informal consensus to retain the 8 unit physical education requirement.

An examination of the requirement was partially brought on by the excessive number of seniors who did not have sufficient PE credit to receive their degrees. Recently, however, it was discovered that only about five or ten seniors cannot meet the requirement for receiving a degree this spring.

The Athletic Department supplied the CEP with projections of an 80-90% drop of use of facilities over five years due to a "negative feedback effect" were the requirement to be dropped. Greater than a 50% drop, the report indicated, would cause a severe cutback in the services and personnel and coaching staff at DuPont.

To handle the remaining seniors that cannot complete the requirement, the CEP has set up an Advisory Committee to examine each case separately. Some

accommodation will probably be worked out to allow everyone to graduate normally.

When *The Tech* questioned why the Athletic Department feels that the PE requirement is important, both Professor Ross Smith, Director of Athletics and Head of the Department, and Director of Physical Education Edward Crocker stressed that the main emphasis of the program is on the development of recreational athletic interests that can be carried over into post-college years. In this category, Prof. Crocker mentioned such activities as sailing, tennis, and golf, among others. He said that MIT offers an "outstanding program" and that the program wouldn't be utilized to full advantage if the requirement were to be dropped.

Crocker pointed out that the department sees the PE requirement as being a particular advantage to those students who were handicapped by poor high school programs, citing people who were victims of late coordination development as an example. He mentioned that although physical fitness *per se* is not emphasized in the MIT program, approximately 450 stu-

dents still enroll in development classes each year.

Smith listed another strong point in the requirement's favor, contending that it exposes students, many for the first time, to the experience gained through healthy athletic competition.

When asked about possible revisions of the requirement, Crocker said that plans are being considered to grant advanced standing credit to students with previously-developed skills in various physical education activities.

## Zinn berates Nixon, War

By Harvey Baker

About 35,000 people thronged to the Boston Common Wednesday to hear anti-war speeches from leading politicians and activists in the largest action of its type in Boston this year.

Crowd size was substantially smaller than at the similar march to the Common during the strike last spring; however, the issues were much broader on this occasion. The march was co-sponsored by anti-war groups, unions, welfare groups, and black and poor peoples' organizations.

The high point of the afternoon was the address given by Boston University Professor Howard Zinn, a long time anti-war crusader. Zinn brought the throng to its feet for a sustained ovation, as he spoke of the need to turn to civil disobedience as a new tactic to end the Vietnam War by raising the cost of the war at home.

Zinn was arrested a few days ago in Washington, D.C. at the Mayday demonstration, as he joined with thousands of others in trying to shut down the city through non-violent means.

Several speakers, including Zinn, called on the crowd to make their presence felt at the obstructive sit-in planned for the John F. Kennedy Federal Building in downtown Boston Thursday morning. The action should take essentially the same form as the recent Washington demonstration, except that march leaders hoped for more success by focusing on shutting down a single target rather than a whole city.

The first speaker of the afternoon was Senator Vance Hartke (D-Indiana) who urged Americans to use "every lawful and constitutional means" to end the

war. Hartke said he introduced a resolution two months ago in the Senate that, if passed, would have the effect of bringing all the GI's home now, not eight months from now, and not at some indefinite time in the future. The resolution would provide also for the return of all American prisoners of war currently held by the Communists in Vietnam.

The overriding theme of the rally was "Out Now," echoed by many of the speakers, and specifically chanted by the crowd, both during the feeder marches and on the Common itself. Marches were initiated from as far away as Newton and Dor-

chester, with some people, particularly junior high and high school students, marching for two hours before reaching the Common. Vietnam Veterans Against the War organized and led the Dorchester march.

There was a rally at MIT in front of the Student Center prior to joining with the march from Harvard, but the over two hour wait between the start of the rally and the arrival of the main march led many MIT students to drift away as momentum was lost. Posted signs here had called for an 11:30 rally, followed by a 12:30 march. The march did not pass by MIT until 1:40. Police estimates of the overall size of the Cambridge contingent as it crossed the Harvard Bridge into Boston put the total at about 4500.

In his speech, Professor Zinn called for the impeachment of both the President and Vice-President, labeling Richard Nixon as "calm, smiling, and murderous." In defense of civil disobedience, Zinn noted that liberal friends had cautioned him against upsetting Congress at a time when it might be willing to call a halt to the war. But, said Zinn, it was clear that Congress would not act unless it was upset. This sentiment was echoed in a letter from David Dellinger, which was read to the crowd. Though Delinger is in the hospital, he sent the letter to be read in his stead. It said, in part, "If the government won't stop the war, then the people have to stop the government."

The mood of the gathering was almost carnival-like, with some of the loudest applause being given to the rock bands that played between speeches. Joints, as usual, circulated freely.



Senator Vance Hartke (D-Indiana) addressing Wednesday's rally on the Boston Common.

Photo by Dave Vogel

## DOT promotes novel transportation modes

By Curtis Reeves

About fifty people met in the Bush Room last Thursday to hear Edward Ward from the Department of Transportation (DOT) deliver a lecture and answer questions about urban transportation.

Before giving his discourse, Ward briefly discussed the department and some of its accomplishments. Established in April, 1967, DOT is "engaged in transportation promotion rather than regulation," he said.

In an effort to raise the number of people who use public transportation, the DOT is undertaking a study of various modes of travel including urban rail commuters, subways and transit cars.

All of the systems being considered by this study make use of a rail which is composed of one bar (monorail), two bars (conventional rail track), or three bars (linear motor test track). Speeds that can be achieved on the track range from about 150

miles per hour on the first two to 300 miles per hour on the third. At speeds greater than 300 mph, "aerodynamic drag becomes so large that power consumption becomes astronomical," Ward said.

One possible way to lessen the problem of drag is to enclose the track with a "tube". Ward noted that at high speeds this would be a welcome asset since the amount of drag, and therefore, the fuel costs, increase as the cube of the speed.

DOT is presently testing hardware at its grounds in Pueblo, Colorado. It is examining its high speed trains very closely. They employ the "lim" — linear induction motor, which has no rotor like that used in other trains, but which "unwraps" the rotor onto the middle bar of the rail.

Ward noted that although the trains are presently using gasoline engines, a changeover to electric turbines is expected soon.

# Preserving human ecology

By Bruce Peetz

A few people were peering through the window of 7-345 Tuesday night, trying to get into the forum on Human Ecology, "The Heightening of Human Awareness." One of them cautioned the others against entering, "I wouldn't bother them, they're having a heavy experience."

Inside the 20 by 20 room, 100 people appeared to be in a trance, directed by a placidly smiling Minor White. In spite of the crowd, a cool breeze circulated from the open windows. Candles flickered on the window sills, and the quiet was broken only by traffic noises from the street.

"Now direct your energies toward your eyes in preparation for opening them. Open them when you feel ready," White guided.

The room came alive. White had only begun a few sentences of explanation when he lapsed into a preparation for another audience experience.

"If you are standing, place your weight squarely on your feet; if you are sitting, distribute your weight evenly. Feel the ground press up against you..."

The traffic noises drifted away, and the hyperventilation of a participant grew and engulfed the room. The room and its contents sighed and relaxed.

"... direct your energies toward a finger... touch a texture and note the sensation."

People began touching the ground, their clothes and each other. The concept of tension dissolved under a hundred tingling fingers.

"Take final note of whatever you are observing," suggested White, "and close your eyes..."

Slowly the group returned to a lively stage, and traffic noise returned. White explained that the return should be done slowly, gently, so as not to jar the

experience. He also noted that the outside environment need not affect a person's ability to control his energies. The presentation of Human Ecology was then turned over to Huston Smith, professor of philosophy.

While speaking, Smith attacked the individual ego as a source of alienation, and presented mantra as a method of attaining "oneness" with the world, and subsequently, self. A film produced by Smith was then shown.

The film began as a documentary in the anti-communist high school tradition ("But the land of Tibet is no more..."), but soon zeroed in on the Tibetan religion and the Lamas. The Lamas, as part of their religion, practice singing in a low gravelly voices until they are able to sing overtones at the same time, thus singing an eerie chord.

Just as the film ended, a tape recorder was turned on with Lamas singing the lost chord. It sent chills through the room, and people settled into concentrating on the sound. Shortly,

though, the lights were turned on for the third featured guest, Mike Miller.

Miller began by explaining his specialty, gestalt therapy. He described gestalt in three ways: It is to be a mental rather than physical or medical growth; it focuses only on the present existing moment, future moments being only of concern when they occur; and it works to bring about an acute awareness, both internal and external.

When he attempted to aid the group in experiencing gestalt, he received a negative response.

One person, however, summed up the evening: "Some of us need you badly. We just tried to share a comfortable environment with each other."

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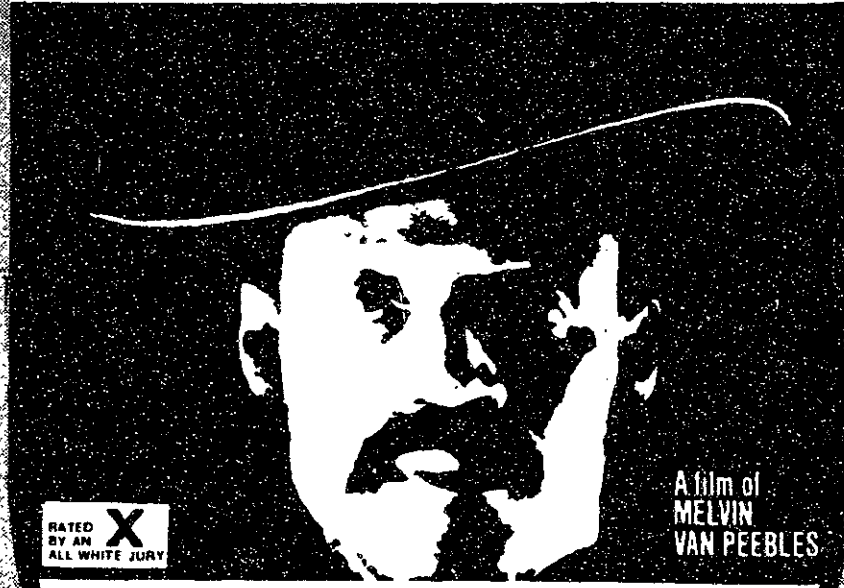
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# Coed experiment a success

Coed living experiments at MIT have been successful, judging from the reports of students trying out the idea within their living groups.

East Campus and two fraternities, Sigma Nu and the Number Six Club, accepted female residents last fall. All three reported auspicious beginnings to the Corporation Visiting Committee on Student Affairs this weekend.

Student House, another MIT living group, first broke the ice on coed living by accepting women residents in the fall of 1969.

"Coed living," said East Campus resident Ric DiCapua, "is probably the biggest change we've had in dormitories in a long time." He explained that the program got off to a slow start this fall, but by November the contact between men and women had become much more natural.

None of the women, he continued, date men from their entries, leading Committee member Joseph Wheelwright to comment that an "incest taboo" might have developed. The dorm solved the problem of integrating a small (14) number of girls into the large dorm by concentrating the girls in the house's sections. East Campus opted for room-by-room arrangements, rather than the floor-by-floor living MIT may develop in another dorm next year.

Questioned about whether there was an adequate supply of coed living arrangements to meet the demand, DiCapua noted that "the facilities are more than adequate." There have been no problems as yet with providing space for all the women who

want to try coed living, and next year the dorm will increase its number of coeds to 21.

It may still be too early to tell how coed living will work within the fraternities. Five women have taken up residence in Sigma Nu, and only three now live in Number Six, so the experiment may not be meaningful. Both houses have managed to overcome opposition from their nationals, removing early fears that affiliation might be hampered.

Rushing entering freshmen women and their parents has been a problem. Neither house had any particular financial problem in making the change, since the needed physical plant renovations are slight.

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\* WTBS will replay the Human Sexuality Lectures, this Monday through Friday starting at 7 pm each night.

\* The Student Committee on Educational Policy (SCEP) will hold its final meeting of the year tomorrow, Wednesday, May 12 at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the reading room on the second floor of the Student Center. All members of the MIT community are invited to attend.

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# Constitution dies in DC

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By Peter Peckarsky

WASHINGTON — It's all over. The last of the demonstrators from the longest series of peace demonstrations to date are leaving the nation's capitol. Untangling the snarl of legal problems will take days, perhaps years, but it's all over. The war continues.

It is a matter of undisputed legal fact that the Department of Justice and its agents, up to and including Attorney General John Mitchell, and the President of the United States, who is ultimately held accountable for the actions of the executive department, conspired to cause and encouraged one of the most flagrant violations of the Fourth, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution in the history of this nation in order to insure the domestic tranquility.

An understanding of the events of Monday and Tuesday, May 3 and 4, is necessary to set the stage for the sworn testimony offered on Tuesday evening by subpoenaed Justice Department employees in a hearing before District of Columbia Superior Court Chief Judge Harold Green.

The Mayday Tribe openly announced weeks in advance that they would attempt to stop rush hour traffic on Monday and Tuesday morning. Although the group's permit for the use of the West Potomac Park had been suddenly revoked at 6 am Sunday morning, the demonstrators met in small groups at various points Sunday afternoon to plan the attack against each of the bridges and traffic circles designated as targets. By 6 am Monday morning when this reporter commenced a tour of all but two of the target areas by bicycle, troops lined each of the bridges into DC from Virginia, traffic was abnormally heavy, and agitators had already begun to disrupt traffic by throwing tires and refuse into the streets, standing in front of cars, and stalling cars in traffic. At 6:50, members of the DC Metropolitan Police Department's Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU) were observed chasing and clubbing fleeing demonstrators. At 6:55 a mass arrest of 40 persons was observed and at 7 am a mass arrest of approximately 150. At 7:10 Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) cars and scooters were observed running down demonstrators. Several persons allegedly suffered fractures because of this police activity. After the 1968 disorders the MPD instituted the practice, at all demonstrations, of completing a field arrest form (an abbreviated arrest form on which are entered the arrested person's name, the specific place, time, date, offense, and the arresting officer's name) and a contemporaneous Polaroid photograph of the arrested party and the arresting officer standing together. This evidence is then used in court. This practice, which had been used meticulously for over 1000 arrests in the preceding two weeks, was

suspended at approximately 5:30 am Monday by MPD Chief Jerry Wilson. At almost the same time the Chief broadcast to the police Nixon's message of congratulations (for the previous weeks' efforts) and encouragement (for the coming week).

By approximately 11 pm, the MPD had in custody over 7000 unidentified people for whom no field arrest form or photos contemporaneous with the arrest existed. These persons so overcrowded jail facilities that some prisoners were sent miles into Virginia and some 2500 were confined, on this cold, windy day, within an uncovered, fenced-in area outside RFK Stadium. Authorities provided these people with no sanitary facilities, food, or shelter until late Monday evening and, in some cases, early Tuesday morning when they were transported to the Washington Coliseum where some cold food, one bathroom, no beds, and a few blankets were available.

Late Monday evening, the DC Legal Aid Society filed a mass writ of *habeas corpus* for those at the Coliseum. Judge Green issued a show-cause order, returnable at 8 pm May 4, which required the DC government to show why they should be allowed to further detain the prisoners at the Coliseum.

Tuesday the MPD reinstituted use of the field arrest forms and contemporaneous photos; Nixon issued a statement, through his press secretary Ron Ziegler, saying that the MPD had dealt with the demonstrators appropriately on Monday, hence giving his approval to gross violations of the Bill of Rights.

In the show-cause hearing before Judge Green Tuesday evening, several subpoenaed Justice Department employees testified under oath that they had been ordered by their superiors to report to the Coliseum and to follow the instructions given them by the MPD. Under MPD directions, these Justice employees testified that they had produced fictitious documents concerning the persons leaving the Coliseum. Chief Wilson had ruled that those in the Coliseum and other jails could be released after being photographed, and giving the police their name, fingerprints, and \$10 collateral which could be forfeited if the person did not wish to contest the case. The witnesses testified that in the first step of the release procedure they completed a long arrest form on which they were instructed to leave blank the date and time of arrest and list the specific place of arrest as "DC" (not a street corner or specific address, just somewhere within the tens of square miles comprising the District of Columbia). They further were given a list of seven officers' names to be placed in rotation in the space labeled "arresting officer," except they were first to change the word "arresting" to "court." The critical evidence came as the second witness described the finger-

printing process. On the fingerprint card there was also a space labeled "arresting officer." However, those at the second step were instructed to merely copy the name in the space relabeled "court officer" on the long arrest form into the space labeled "arresting officer" on the fingerprint card without changing the word "arresting."

After a time, it was apparent to those who had been following the demonstrations that Justice and the White House had directed the police action throughout the demonstrations and had instructed Chief Wilson to conduct mass arrests. Both the President and his Attorney General knew very well that such mass arrests trod roughshod over the Constitution.

The Administration knowingly acted in a criminal fashion because it wanted to maintain a business as usual atmosphere. Hence, the appearance of Mr. Mitchell on his balcony for a large part of Tuesday afternoon as police trapped 2000 people directly below him after giving them five minutes warning led one to ask if Mr. Mitchell spends a usual afternoon standing on his balcony with Deputy Attorney General Kleindienst and Assistant Attorney General for Internal Security Mardian staring down at the street as scores of FBI agents and Justice employees do likewise.

Informed sources felt that the MPD arrested 494 persons on Tuesday morning and the 2000 at Justice because the senior statesmen on Capitol Hill told the Administration that come what may they did not want the demonstrators on the Hill Wednesday. The charges Tuesday were trumped up ones such as the arrest of four persons walking abreast on a sidewalk for blocking the sidewalk and arrests for shouting in a public park. If the authorities had given the demonstrators 30 minutes to clear the street in front of the Justice Department, which was at the time being blocked by the police rather than the demonstrators, a few hundred would have remained to practice non-violent civil disobedience. Instead masses were trapped by the police who knew very well that those arrested Tuesday afternoon would not be freed for days.

At his press conference Thursday evening, April 29, Richard Nixon said that no one, including the President of the United States, is above the law. Yet the Administration, by seeking an injunction against the Vietnam Veterans Against the War camping on the Mall, appealing the issue to the Supreme Court, and then refusing to enforce the injunction and by orchestrating 7000 violations of the Bill of Rights in the space of hours, has practiced the most wanton abandon with respect to the highest judicial authority and the highest law in this nation.

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## Boston Common: sense of deja vu

By Harvey Baker

There was a sad feeling of deja vu among the more cynical elements of Wednesday's march to the Common. Veterans of last spring's strike noted their familiarity with the whole scene, even to the extent that the exact same patterns were being used for timing and direction of feeder marches. This kind of depressing overview, complete with the knowledge that last year's strike had failed totally to end the war, hung like a pall over the gathering outside the MIT Student Center as people waited to join the march from Cambridge Common.

Speaker after speaker, including Nobel prize winner Salvadore Luria, accosted the war and the President, and told of how this year's march was going to be different, of how now the anti-war movement had a majority, of how now real pressure could be brought to bear. And yet almost no one listened because no one really believed that it was true. People have been to too many demonstrations, too many marches, and have sat too long idly listening to speakers for this type of action to have much impact any more.

This mood of depression had to be contrasted with the almost carnival air that people discovered when they got to the Common itself. As the Cambridge feeder march arrived, the James Montgomery Blues Band was rocking on stage and the area was filled to the brim with happy, smiling people. Upon discovering this, some people were absolutely astonished. They had expected a more serious, somber group of revolutionary types, particularly since the march was sponsored by the more radical People's Coalition for Peace and Justice, in contrast to the Peace Action Coalition which directed the April 24 March on Washington. Nevertheless, the atmosphere of the day was the same as the Washington march, with flower-children and non-violent people being in a clear majority.

The telling note of the day was the reception accorded the various speakers. The speakers

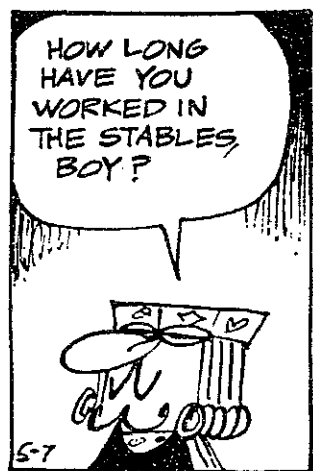
who stuck to the old familiar line of "get out of Vietnam now," not bringing in all kinds of other issues, were the most successful. The other speakers from PCP&J however, who spoke on welfare and the like, were greeted with polite applause. People simply were neither ready nor willing to tie together the positions on various left-wing causes into one cohesive, unified philosophy. While PCP&J spouted off about its broad-based backing, it was clear that what had brought the crowd to the Common was the prospect of another fine, sunny day, spring anti-war rally.

They came to hear the rock music, to smoke dope, to annoy the police, and to get some sunshine. They knew ahead of time what was going to happen (it was on the program), and they knew that they could count on having a good time. Yes, there were the Hardhats Against the War and the Vietnam Veterans Against the War. But seriousness was to be discouraged, and having a good time was incompatible with really rough revolutionary rhetoric.

By now, "Out Now" has become politically safe to say. Some of the nicest people you and I know say it. Vance Hartke says it. The clergy say it. Hence, it was not in any sense dangerous to press that theme as the topic of the day. Any more radical rhetoric would have risked antagonizing the predominantly white liberal crowd, so the speakers stuck to tried and true ideas. It is true that by now "Out Now" is felt by a majority of the American public. It is true that the speakers are right when they say that this is the time to move, that with the politics of people oriented the way they are on the War issue, much can be accomplished. But there is another side to this story.

On most of the other issues promulgated Wednesday, that consensus of support for the left is lacking. The real revolution is miles away. People simply cannot feel as strongly about welfare as they do about the war, particularly at a time when we are in a recession and welfare costs are rising astronomically (an incredible one billion dollars in Massachusetts alone). Hence the left has this predicament: it has the support of the people on the war issue, even the cynical people who have seen the whole charade of marching before. It can and will continue to bring out large numbers of people for anti-war marches. But beyond that? Can a left coalition be focused on other issues? Based on the demonstration Wednesday and the general turn to the right in this country, the answer would appear to be no.

by Brant parker and Johnny hart







# A column on things

By Paul Schindler

This column, which has figuratively and literally defied classification during its brief but all too lengthy existence, has been placed at last in a cubbyhole. Sources with unusual perception and brilliance have informed this writer that the column, outside of the reviews of movies, plays, or events, is a weekly essay. Some others, among them some of my fellow *The Tech* staffers, suggest that it be spelled "weakly." You can't please all the people all the time. . .

Which reminds me of loyalty, a word which was bandied about very much in the early 50's by a junior senator from Wisconsin. And it is coming back into vogue, on the lips of some of our most celebrated national figures: i.e., Spiro Agnew, and sometimes even the President himself.

The Schindler unabridged definition of "loyalty" is: that feeling which enables one to overlook the minor (or not so minor) faults of an institution or person towards which the loyalty is directed. These are often faults which would not be tolerated in an institution or person towards whom loyalty is not felt.

Why bother to bring the whole thing up? Because it is just too seldom that people ever consider the topic in any sort of serious way. Many probably assume that once a loyalty has been developed, it is something which should be permanent (as much as anything is permanent). My experience in the area is not vast, but I have developed some concepts which might be useful.

A feeling of loyalty can be discarded for several reasons. Foremost among them is a fact so overwhelming that it shakes the basis of the faith upon which loyalty is built. Another is enlightened self-interest: you are convinced that by switching loyalties some benefit will accrue to you. A third might be rejection of your loyalty. Any of these are perfectly good rationales. Or at least, they would be if you happened to live in a vacuum.

Unfortunately, it is the case for most of us that our actions affect not only ourselves, but those around us. In particular, the group you are leaving might very well say to you, "How can you do this to us?" At the same time, your friends may very well say, "How can you change loyalties so easily?" I have found just one answer to both of these queries - "It's what's best for me." If you stop and think about it, that's probably the case with you too. And that's the best reason in the world, to my way of thinking.

If my definition is correct, then national criticism of journalism for reporting facts which undermine people's loyalty is valid. And it is.

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of a number of the sights of downtown Boston from near the top of the Prudential Center. That has got to be the major advantage of the Top of the Hub.

There are several other nice things to be said of the Top of the Hub, on a technical basis. The chairs have rollers on their legs, an interesting innovation which makes it uncommonly easy to sit down or get up from the nicely appointed tables. In addition, the service is friendly and quick. Perhaps most important of all, if you, like me, have a tendency to drink a lot of water with your meal, is the fact that this is one of the few restaurants I have been in that service your water glass. It seems that Stouffer's (the same company that runs the MIT food service, but a different division) has realized the minimal cost of a glass of water compared to the desire to have something to drink.

That certainly covers the nice things I would have to say about The Top of the Hub. It is, I admit, a nice place to eat, and in spite of what you hear, the food is better than at Walker Memorial; or at least different, and, of course, more expensive.

Dinner for two, with the addition of wine, can easily cost you \$25.00, although you can keep the total bill under \$15.00 and still get a decent meal. It's not the place for blue jeans and bare feet, and I assure you that white tie and tails would not seem out of place.

I found my Beef en Brochette with Rice Pilaf to be adequate, though I was assured that the Rice Pilaf was not spectacular. The Lobsters Newberg were tasty, although the spinach (burnt on the bottom) left something to be desired. The french onion soup I found particularly good, and it is one of the less

expensive appetizers.

Tonight's WTBS highlight is the 5th Human Sexuality Lecture, by Dr. Alan Barnes, on the topic "Sexual Intercourse," considered by many to be the best of the series. That's at 7 pm. At about 9:30 is the Potluck Coffeehouse broadcast, live until 12 midnight. Saturday is the Great Sail remote, in front of the Green Building, starting at 8 pm.

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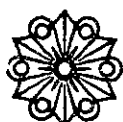
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# WTBS ends historic year and ups power

By Paul Schindler

WTBS, after months of work and not inconsiderable hassle with the Federal Communications Commission, celebrated its 10th anniversary this past April 10th with the largest potential audience that it has had in its 25 year history.

When its FM transmitter was permitted back on the air by the FCC at the beginning of March, the station's 20.5 watt signal (effective radiated power, vertical and horizontal) from a new tower on top of the Eastgate building gave it a potential audience equal to the Greater Boston population of nearly three million.

## History

That's a far cry from the several hundred listeners available to WMIT when it began its first broadcast, via carrier current restricted radiation "now that the wartime radiation restriction has been lifted." According to *The Tech* at that time, the first broadcast was delayed several weeks since "the volunteer engineers from course six have been busy with their assignments lately."

But after six weeks of getting their things together, the WMIT staff made it on the air at 7:59:52 on November 26, 1946, on a frequency of 840 KHz. The first program, at 8 pm, was a dedication by then MIT president Dr. Karl T. Compton. The program which followed was described as a "4 hour gala of music and comment..."

Over the next 15 years the

station developed, in a limited way, on the MIT campus. Due to technical considerations, transmission was changed from carrier current to restricted radiation local antennas, and the frequency was changed to 640 KHz., where service is being provided to the MIT dorms today.

During the late 50's, as FM became widespread, the station decided to try to expand its services to the fraternities across the river by getting an FM license. The process lasted more than three years, and was complicated by the station's desire to be commercial on FM. In the end, the call was changed to WTBS (WMIT was OK on campus, but no two on-the-air stations may have the same call letters; there is a WMIT in North Carolina) and the current format (commercial on AM to the campus, non-commercial on FM to the Cambridge community) was settled.

## More power to the FM

Ten watts and a tower high atop Walker Memorial were sufficient at first, but as the Green Building and other tall buildings went up in Cambridge, reception

deteriorated. A new location and more power were called for.

Thanks to the determined work of MIT, Dean Hammerness, the WTBS Technical department, and a lot of other people, plans were made for the Eastgate move. It was expected to be complete last spring; however, final moving work was done this last Christmas.

Due to an unexpected error in an application form, the expected two-week wait for permission to return to the air turned into eight weeks.

WTBS's 10th year on FM (25th on AM) was marked by a series of programming innovations, only a few of which can be mentioned here.

This year saw the return of all-request Nite Owl to Saturday nights (the program has been on the station for 20 years), hosted by Dan Murphy '64, one of the all-time WTBS greats. It nearly witnessed the demise of another WTBS perennial, the 7-9:30 am

wake-up show known as WTBS "Rise and Shine"; the program was not aired for a time during the middle of the year.

Among the programs of an unusual nature introduced were "WTBS Presents..." and "The Potluck Coffeehouse Broadcasts." The former is one of the few attempts in recent memory at WTBS to present a continuing dramatic radio series. Although there have been scripting and staff problems, the series did turn out at least two universally acclaimed episodes, "Sam Patch, the Greatest Story Ever Told, so far..." and "Riders to the Sea." The Potluck Coffeehouse broadcasts originate Friday evenings at the coffeehouse when one is being held, or at the WTBS studios otherwise. They feature live folk music per-

formed by local artists at the Potluck, which is held by the Student Center Committee each Friday and Saturday.

The station, as always, is in a state of flux, and has no "Master Plan" for the future. Stereo and higher power are on the horizon, but the short-run is being dominated by efforts to increase staff size and improve quality as well as quantity of programming offered.

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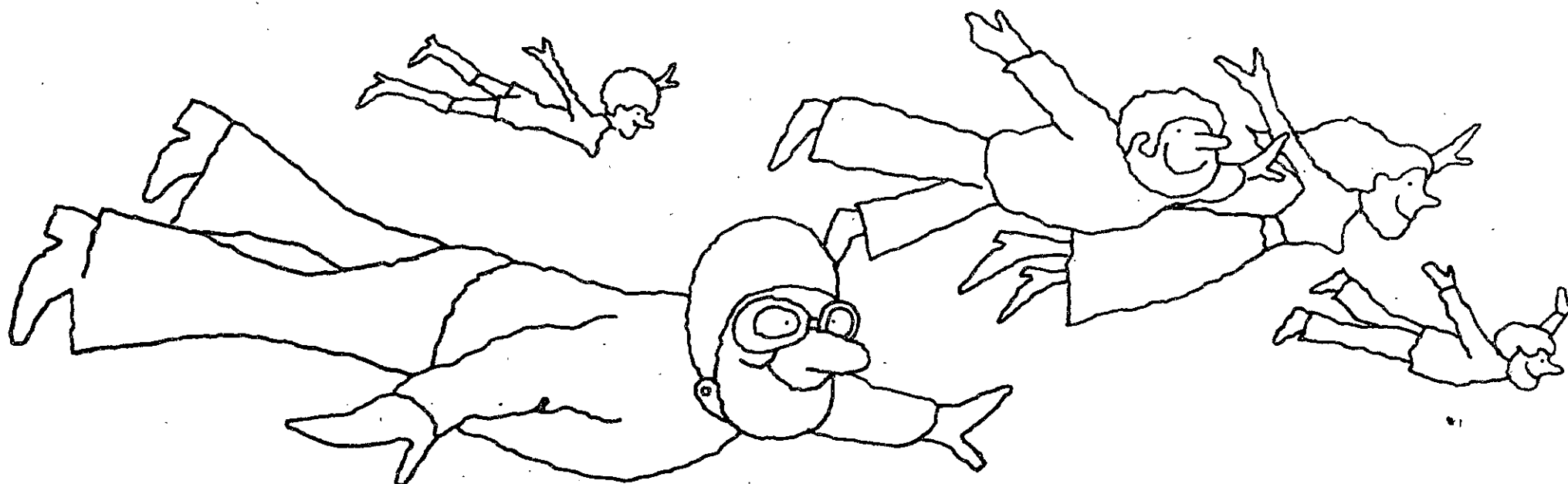
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## History students will soon grade teachers

By Lee Giguere

Students in the History Section of the Department of Humanities have launched a teacher evaluation program with the cooperation of the department.

The program, according to Bruce Wheeler, one of the student organizers, is an effort to introduce student evaluations into the processes of faculty hiring and tenure decisions. Wheeler explained that the group hoped to extend the evaluation to the area of general teaching competence. Eventually, he hopes the program would help students in selecting courses.

Associate Professor David Ralston reported that the section has already sent out evaluation forms. Untenured faculty in the section, he explained, are being asked to distribute the forms to their classes. The student group is also attempting to obtain evaluations on last term's courses.

Ralston pointed out that many of the faculty in the section were looking on the evaluations as a way to evaluate teaching. The younger faculty, he stated, were not taking the program antagonistically. He also stated that the evaluations will not be ignored in the section's hiring process: "I will not ignore them in any decision in which I am involved."

According to Wheeler, the teacher evaluation program originated about one and a half years ago, when Professor William Watson was not granted tenure. At that time, a number of students and junior faculty in the section successfully petitioned to have the case reconsidered, with the result that the decision was reversed. The head of the section at that time, Professor Bruce Mazlish, agreed to initiate an evaluation program, which Wheeler felt was largely unsuccessful.

Earlier this term, the student group began meeting with Professor Robert MacMaster, the new section head, reaching an agreement prior to spring vacation on an evaluation program.

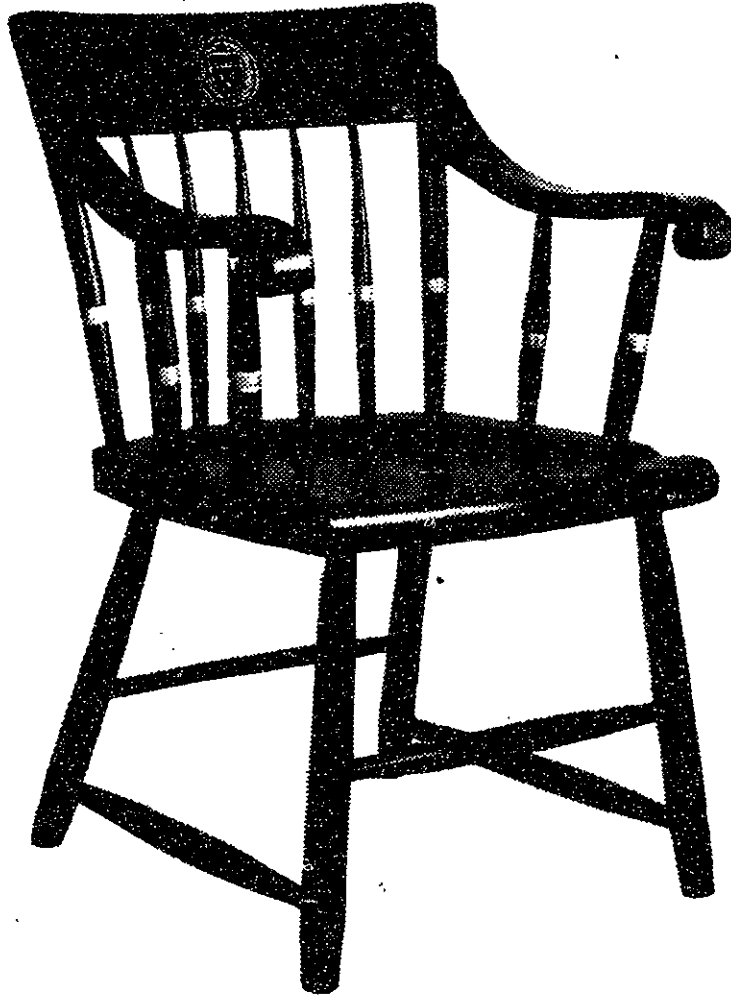
A week later, MacMaster reported back to the group that he couldn't start the program without approval of the section's faculty. Professor Ralston explained that the delay was due to the time it took to "get things ready."

The student group also plans to set up a booth in building ten in an effort to get evaluations of last term's courses.

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# Frosh lights predicted to win crew Sprints

By Bradley Billetdeaux  
Crew, America's oldest intercollegiate sport, is also one of the most misunderstood. MIT has competed for nearly 50 years, and this Saturday will send 5 crews to Worcester for the annual Eastern Sprint Championships. *The Tech* here presents a primer for the uninitiated and predictions for the fans.

A 60' racing shell holds eight oarsmen and one coxswain. The oarsmen are referred to by their seat order in the boat, i.e. bow, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and stroke, and they row with their backs in the direction they're going. The stroke sets the pace for everyone; the oarsmen look at the stroke's oar to get the rhythm.

The coxswain's job is two-fold: first, he steers the shell by means of a submerged rudder. Second and most important, he is the information system which tells the oarsmen who's ahead in the race, how far they've rowed and how well they're doing. He is the coach in the boat, correcting errors as they occur. With a specially calibrated watch he determines the number of strokes per minute. No coxswain has ever been known to holler, "Stroke, stroke,..."

MIT's competition encompasses the entire Ivy League plus

Northeastern, BU, Syracuse, Navy and Wisconsin. The Sprints are the annual championships for all major Eastern rowing powers. Races are 2000 meters, about 1 1/4 miles, and normally take about 6 1/2 minutes, and average speed of 12 mph. A common margin of victory is half a boatlength, or 2 seconds, roughly 0.5% of the total time, thus making for rather close competition. With 5 races per season, this means the crews train all year long to row less than 10 miles in around 1/2-hour! Rowing isn't a sport—it's a way of life.

Probably the widest known but least understood term in crew is "catching a crab." Sometimes the oar just doesn't come out of the water properly and it catches and takes a dive. This



Crew is a sport calling for precise teamwork and a steady, powerful effort from every man. Shown here are MIT's frosh heavies, who *The Tech* picks to qualify for the finals at the Sprints.

Photo by Bradley Billetdeaux

## The Tech Sports

causes loss of control, and oarsmen have been known to be catapulted out of the boat while trying to hold on to a crabbed oar. To clear up another popular misconception, the boat moves fastest when the oars are out of the water.

Rowing has developed many traditions over the years, and the most popular is the shirt tradition. Each school has a distinctive colored shirt that the oarsmen wear. After each race the winning crew collects the shirts of their opponents as trophies of victory.

MIT's light varsity will be second to the Crimson but will put the Engineers in strong contention for the Jope Cup, the overall point standing for lightweight crews. The 2nd varsity should have a tough battle in the finals. They've been close to the faster crews all season and must be rated a "possible."

No MIT frosh heavyweight crew has qualified for the finals in recent memory, but Tech's "hounds" can do it if they row their best race. They are strong and eager after compiling a 2-2 season.

# Tough field expected for IM track contest

By Dave Wilson

This year's intramural track meet will be held Monday, May 10, and will begin at 4:30 in the afternoon. Good weather has been promised, but in the event of heavy rain, the meet will be postponed until Wednesday, May 19. Trials for the 100 yard dash, the 220 yard dash, and the 180 yard low hurdles will be held on Sunday, May 9 at 3:00. In each of these events, only the eight finalists will compete on Monday.

Team rosters were due Wednesday, but those wishing to run on an individual basis may sign up at the meet and compete. Medals will be awarded for first place, with ribbons for second and third place finishers in every event except the relays. The quality as well as the quantity of participation is expected to be much better this year than it was last year, when many people were involved with the strike.

Except during varsity practice, the track is available for practice almost any time. The shot and discus can be signed out at the athletic desk at DuPont, and the high jump and

pole vault pits will be pulled out of the "Porta-Palace" at 3:00 today for IM practice. Additional details, including a time schedule, were sent to everyone on the IM mailing list. If you have any questions, call Dave Wilson at 247-9102 or X3617.

Nominations are still being accepted for next fall's intramural volleyball manager. The elections will be held at the IM Council meeting on Monday, May 10, at 8 pm in the Varsity Club Lounge. Anyone wishing to run should attend the meeting.

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Baseball(V)-Bowdoin at Brunswick, 2 pm  
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Lacrosse(V)-Connecticut at Storrs, 2 pm

# Sailors set for title clashes

MIT's varsity men's and freshman sailing teams will climax their seasons this weekend, as they both head for their respective New England championship regattas. The varsity will travel to Yale to compete in the 31st annual New England Intercollegiate Sailing Association (NEISA) Dinghy Championship finals, while the frosh sail at the Coast Guard Academy for the Nickerson Trophy, emblematic of NEISA's Freshman Dinghy Team Championships. Both regattas figure to be closely-contested matches, and the two Tech squads are considered to be top prospects.

The NEISA district, representing thirty-five of the 150 schools in the country with sailing teams, is annually the nation's strongest region, and this year is no exception. Six of the nine schools competing in the varsity regatta are ranked in the top twelve nationally, and many of the sailors are of Olympic and world championship caliber.

Defending champion University of Rhode Island is favored to take the title again, but will

face stiff competition from MIT, Harvard, and Yale. URI, which earned a trip to the Nationals last year, has a strong returning squad, and also has the advantage of being able to practice in 420 class sloops, the same type as those which will be used in the championships. Harvard, winner of the Greater Boston title this season, has a veteran all-senior squad, led by All-American Robbie Doyle. Yale will have the benefit of sailing their own boats on their home waters.

Representing MIT will be Pete Nesbada '71 and Tom Bergan '72. Both are veterans, and last weekend they won over a strong field in the Friis Trophy at Tufts, beating most of the top competitors they will face at Yale. The Tech squad has an excellent chance to win the title, providing only that they sail up to their capabilities.

The top two finishers in the New England will advance to the Nationals, to be sailed next month at the Naval Academy.

The Tech freshmen are also to be counted as among the top

prospects in their title regatta, as they will try to duplicate Al Spoon's and Larry Bacow's accomplishment of last year in winning the New England frosh crown. The event will be sailed at the Coast Guard Academy, and is sure to be a tough battle. Tufts, MIT, and Coast Guard figure to be fighting it out for the top spot, with Harvard, Boston University, and URI also likely contenders. The MIT contingent, composed of Steve Cucchiaro, Randy Young, Launey Thomas, Kim McCoy, and Walter Frank, will be very strong in A-division, and if the B-division skippers can come through, the frosh are good bets to bring home the trophy.

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